APOCALYPTIC
HORSEPLAY
BY BOREDMAN

TEN YEARS...
WE HAVE NOW GONE TEN YEARS WITHOUT COMPLETING OUR HOLY MISSION.
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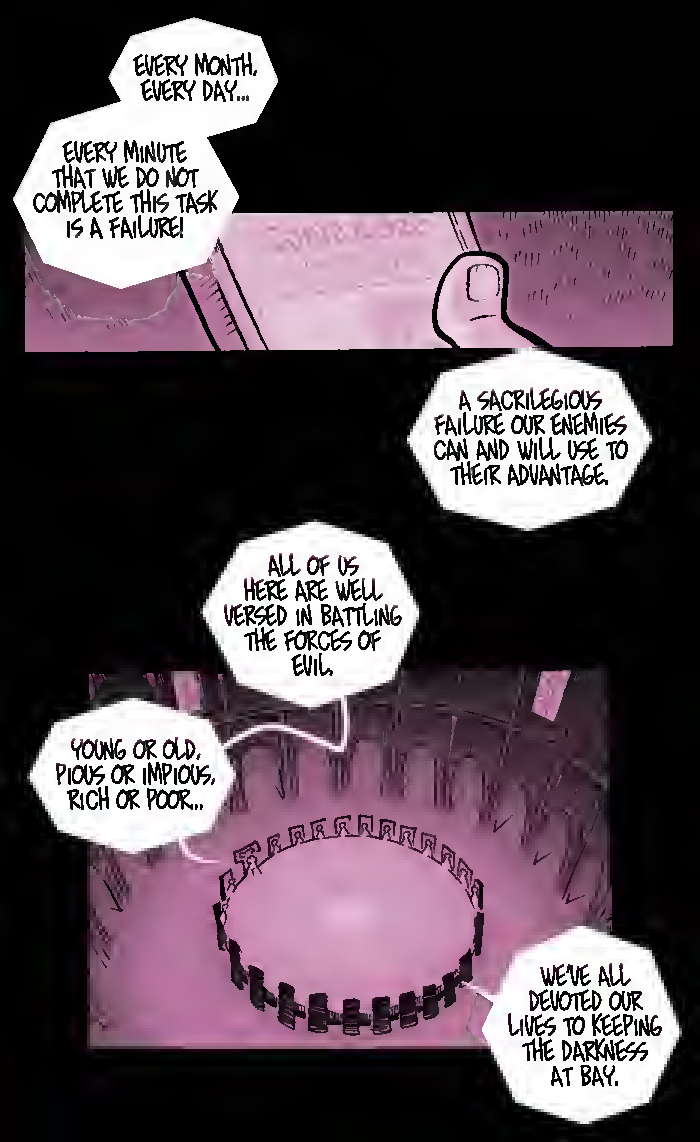
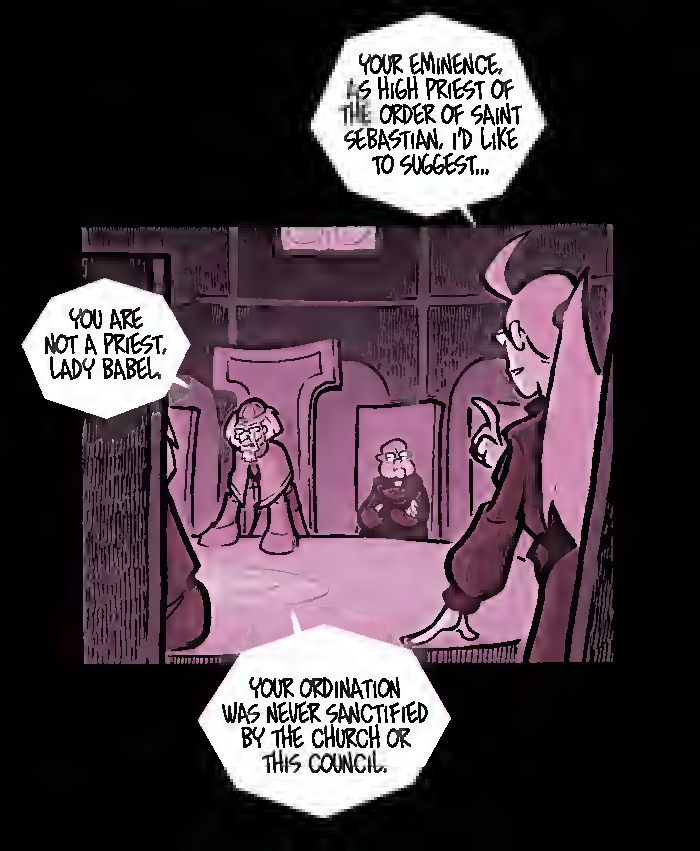
ROME, ITALY


EVERY MONTH. EVERY DAY...
EVERY MINUTE THAT WE DO NOT COMPLETE THIS TASK IS A FAILURE!
A SACRILEGIOUS FAILURE OUR ENEMIES CAN AND WILL USE TO THEIR ADVANTAGE.
ALL OF US HERE ARE WELL VERSED IN BATTLING THE FORCES OF EVIL.
YOUNG OR OLD, PIOUS OR IMPIOUS, RICH OR POOR...
WE'VE ALL DEVOTED OUR LIVES TO KEEPING THE DARKNESS AT BAY.

AND YET, AFTER OVER A DECADE, WHAT DO WE HAVE TO SHOW FOR OUR DEVOTION?
NOTHING!
NOW THAT'S HARDLY FAIR YOUR EMINENCE!
US EXORCISTS HAVE NEVER BEEN SO ACTIVE SINCE THE 15TH CENTURY!
AS HAVE WE.
THE PSYCHICS OF THE ORDER OF ST-ZACHARY ARE SOLICITED ALL OVER THE WORLD TO HELP KEEP LOST SOULS IN CHECK.
SO DO PARANORMAL INVESTIGATORS, BUT YOU DON'T HEAR US BRAGGING ABOUT IT.

AS FOR US MONSTER HUNTERS, WE REGULARLY...
I ONCE BEAT A DRAGON TO DEATH WITH A BASEBALL BAT!

AHEM. SORRY.
THOUGHT WE WERE SHARING.


YOUR EMINENCE, AS HIGH PRIEST OF THE ORDER OF SAINT SEBASTIAN, I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST...
YOU ARE NOT A PRIEST, LADY BABEL.
YOUR ORDINATION WAS NEVER SANCTIFIED BY THE CHURCH OR THIS COUNCIL.

YES, I REALIZE A WOMAN ATTAINING PRIESTHOOD IS A HARD PILL TO SWALLOW...
BUT HOWEVER UNORTHODOX, MY ORDINATION WAS VALIDATED BY GRAND MASTER OZZAM HIMSELF.

AND IF HE WERE HERE, HE CERTAINLY WOULD AGREE THIS ASSEMBLY HAS NEVER GIVEN IN TO IDLENESS.
WE'VE ALL DEDICATED OUR VERY BEST EFFORT TO THE HOLY TASK OVER THE YEARS.

AND IF OUR MISSION REMAINS UNCOMPLETED...

...IT MEANS SOME OF OUR BESTS AREN'T GOOD ENOUGH.

IT APPEARS TO ME THAT, ALTHOUGH MANY OF US ARE UNDENIABLY WORTHY OF THIS ENDEAVOR...
...OTHERS ARE RANK AMATEURS UNFIT TO SIT BY OUR SIDE.
HEY!
SIT DOWN, SHE DOESN'T MEAN YOU.
OH.

I'M TALKING OF COURSE ABOUT THE PRETENDERS
THE ONES WHOSE IGNORANCE BURDENS US ALL.
THE ONES CONSTANTLY CHECKING THEIR PHONE DURING OUR MEETINGS.

THE ONES LIKE DR. ALBERT VON BELLSING.
?
VAT? ZHAT'S PREPOSTEROUS!
WHAT IS?
ZE... HEM...
WHATEVER YOU JUST SAID.
THEN PROVE ME WRONG!
TELL US OF YOUR LATEST CONTRIBUTION, "DOCTOR".

VELL, I AM CURRENTLY... HEM...
DAT IS TO SAY ZAT I...
THERE'S ...

I'M INFESTIKATING A LEAD ON THE FOUR HORZEMEN OF ZE APOCALYPSE.